brought to book during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) No large scale theft of coal had been reported from Western Coalfields Limited. However, coal in small quantities were reported to have been stolen in lumps/bags or by trucks. The table below provides the relevant details :

Year	Total no. of theft cases	No. of FIR lodged	Quantity reported stolen (tonnes)	Quantity recovered (tonnes)
1991-92	79	79	564	564
1992-93	34	34	569	569
1993-94 (April-Oct. '93) .	9	9	178	178

Forecast for Coal Production

1254. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA :

DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what are the annual forecasts for coal production for the next five years in the country ;

(b) what is the annual percentage of growth in coal production in the country ;

(c) how does it compare with the growth in the past decade ; and

(d) what are the reasons for the increase or decrease in the production of coal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The Planning Commission has fixed a production level of 253.50 M.T. to be achieved by the end of 1994-95. The Planning Commission has also indicated that production requirement is likely to grow during 8th Plan at an annual growth rate of 6.08%. The Planning Commission, while approving 8th Plan, has indicated a production level of 308 M.T. to be achieved by 96-97. No firm projections are available beyond 96-97. However, achievement of this production level would depend on adequate investments being made available for coal production.

(b) and (c) As against the annual growth of 6.3% in the decade preceding commencement of 8th Plan (1982-83 to 1991-92), annual growth of coal production during 8th Pan period has been envisaged as 6.08 per cent.

(d) Coal production has been constantly increasing over the years with varying rate of growth. At the time of formulation of annual Plans, the Planning Commission takes into account likely materialisation of demand, availability of alternate sources of energy and the production capacity build up, while fixing the annual target.

भूमिगत खानों के उत्पादन में ठहराव की स्थिति

1255. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या कोयला मंत्री 16 अगस्त, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 2449 को दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान भूमिगत खानों और खुले मुहानों वाली खानों के लिए निर्धारित कोयला उत्पादन के लक्ष्यों का अलग-अलग वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान कोल